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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXCHANGE ON COMPETITION
POLICY

1. OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) ANTITRUST
DIVISION HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM JAIME ALVAREZ
OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO VISIT
MEXICO CITY, MARCH 20-21, 1978. DOJ DELEGATION WILL
CONSIST OF JOSEPH SIMS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL;
JOEL DAVIDOW, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF POLICY PLANNING; AND
CARL CIRA, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION,
ANTITRUST DIVISION. THIS VISIT ARISES OUT OF VARIOUS
CONTACTS INCLUDING A SUGGESTION MADE DURING MEETINGS OF
THE U.S.-MEXICAN COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE
AND IS RECIPROCAL TO A VISIT BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO THE
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER.

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2. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED WILL
INCLUDE: ANALYSIS OF WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION ON RESTRIC-
TIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES MIGHT BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN
AGENCIES, A DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBLE STRENGTHENING OF
MEXICAN DOMESTIC ANTITRUST LAW, AND A DISCUSSION OF MULTI-
LATERAL EFFORTS TO LIMIT OR CONTROL RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS
PRACTICES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEXICANS WILL SEND A

SPECIFIC SCHEDULE AND AGENDA FOR THE VISIT TO THE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

3. IF THE EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED
MEETING, IT IS REQUESTED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING HOTEL
RESERVATIONS AND TO PROVIDE NAME OF AN OFFICER WHO CAN
ACT AS CONTACT AND ATTEND THE MEETINGS WITH THE MEXICANS.
JOEL DAVIDOW, DOUBLE ROOM WITH BATH, HOTEL EL PRESIDENTE,
MARCH 17 THRU 21, INCLUSIVE. CARL CIRA, SINGLE ROOM WITH
BATH AT HOTEL EL PRESIDENTE, MARCH 19 THRU 21, INCLUSIVE.
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